

**Table 2.37-- CHARACTERISTICS OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES:
1996 TO 1999**

[Place of occurrence basis]

| Subject | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| MARRIAGES | | | | |
| Number | 19,589 | 19,901 | 20,974 | 23,067 |
| Percent on Oahu | 49.0 | 46.5 | 45.7 | 44.4 |
| Percent Hawaii residents: | | | | |
| Both bride and groom | 42.4 | 41.3 | 38.2 | 36.7 |
| One partner only | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.2 |
| Neither bride nor groom | 54.0 | 55.5 | 58.3 | 60.0 |
| Median age (years): | | | | |
| Groom | 32 | 32 | 33 | 33 |
| Bride | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Percent previously married: | | | | |
| Groom | 38.8 | 39.1 | 38.8 | 39.0 |
| Bride | 38.8 | 39.8 | 39.5 | 39.6 |
| DIVORCES AND ANNULMENTS | | | | |
| Number | 4,903 | 4,877 | 1/ 4,919 | 4,620 |
| Divorces | 4,883 | 4,858 | 1/ 4,899 | 4,611 |
| Annulments | 20 | 17 | 17 | 5 |
| Not reported | - | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Percent occurring on Oahu | 73.9 | 74.3 | 73.9 | 72.7 |
| Percent Hawaii residents: | | | | |
| Both partners | 76.0 | 75.7 | 74.3 | 74.7 |
| One partner only | 23.0 | 23.4 | 24.4 | 23.6 |
| Neither partner | <0.1 | 0.1 | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| Not reported 2/ | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| Median age (years): | | | | |
| Husband | 37 | 37 | 37 | 38 |
| Wife | 35 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| Percent interracial 3/ | 41.5 | 43.2 | 1/ 42.4 | 43.7 |
| Percent with children under 18 years | 50.9 | 50.1 | 49.5 | 51.8 |
| Median years married | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.2 |

1/ Revised.

2/ Couples where the residence of one or more partners is unknown.

3/ For these calculations, divorces where both bride and groom are in the "Part Hawaiian" or "Other races" categories are classified as non-interracial.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, *Statistical Report* (annual), and records.